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SUBJ: TRITICALE: NEW HIGH PROTEIN WHEAT-RYE HYBRID GRAIN

1. LOCAL TRIAD REP INFORMED AMBASSADOR NOV 20 TRIAD IN CONTACT WITH US FIRM WESTERN STATE TRADING COMPANY (WSTC) REGARDING POSSIBLE TRIAL PRODUCTION TRITICALE GRAIN HYBRID IN SUDAN. TRITICALE REPORTED BY TRIAD REP AS HAVING "THREE TIME VALUE OF PROTEIN AND THREE TIMES AVERAGE YIELD ORDINARY WHEAT". FIRST PHASE SUDAN TRITICALE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTEMPLATED IN PILOT EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT WITH POSSIBLE FUNDING FROM UNDP, FAO OR USG (ASSERTION RE USG APPARENTLY BASED ON INFO FROM WSTC). IF SUCCESSFUL, LARGE-SCALE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION MAY FOLLOW, PRESUMABLY UNDER TRIAD-GOS JOINT VENTURE COMPANY.

2. SENIOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR FAO KHARTOUM HAS NO KNOWLEDGE TRITICALE AND/OR ANY CONTACTS WITH FAO FOR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN FIRST PHASE SUCH A PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE INCLUDED UNDER UNDP/FAO SPONSORED REGIONAL GRAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OPERATING OUT OF CAIRO WITH CLOSE TIES CIMMYT. HE FOLLOWING UP WITH REGIONAL OFFICE TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION POSSIBLE UNDP/FAO CONNECTION.

3. FYI. UNDP/FAO CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT HIGH PROTEIN CROPS IN SUDAN, I.E., (A) WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
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IN DEVELOPMENT NEW VARIETY SESAME GEARED TO MECHANICAL HARVESTING

AND (B) WITH AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CORPORATION (ARC) EXPERIMENTAL CULTIVATION MICHIGAN BLACK BEANS FROM SAMPLES THREE VARIETIES SUCCESSFULLY GROWN ETHIOPIA. END FYI.

4. OUR UNDERSTANDING TRITICALE IS NEW HIGH PROTEIN WHEAT-RYE HYBRID GRAIN DEVELOPED BY USDA/BELTSVILLE MARYLAND WHICH IN LIMITED USE IN US FOR LIVESTOCK FEED. THIS WOULD APPEAR TIE IN TRIAD/ARIZONA COLORADO LAND (AZL) CORPORATION INTEREST POSSIBLE LIVESTOCK VENTURE IN SUDAN.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFO WASHINGTON CON PROVIDE ON TRITICALE INCLUDING (A) US ROLE IN AND CURRENT STATUS CROP DEVELOPMENT, (B) CURRENT AND PLANNED UTILIZATION IN US AND ELSEWHERE, (C) CURRENT OR PLANNED UNDP/FAO PARTICIPATION, AS WELL AS (D) ANY USG INTEREST IN POTENTIAL APPLICATION CULTIVATION AND USES IN SUDAN.

6. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON WSTC INCLUDING ADVICE EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITY OVERSEAS VENTURES AND RELATION, IF ANY, TO AZL COMPANY.
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